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SUBJECT: ARTIST WILLIAM SMITH

1. WILLIAM SMITH IS A WELL-KNOWN AMERICAN ARTIST, PRESIDENT OF THE INT'L ASSOCIATION OF ART. HAS BEEN GRANTEE IN BURMA, CAIRO, AND USIA VOLUNTARY SPEAKER IN ROMANIA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, BULGARIA. HAS WIDE CONTACTS AMONG ARTISTS AND FUNCTION-ARIES IN USSR AND MOST OF EASTERN EUROPE.

2. SMITH HAS BEEN INVITED TO USSR FOR TWO WEEKS BY T. SALAKHOV OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE ARTISTS UNION, EITHER FOR OCTOBER OR DECEMBER; SMITH WOULD PREFER DECEMBER DATE.

3. SUMMARY SMITH BIO:

BORN: TOLEDO, OHIO, APRIL 19, 1918

EDUCATION: KEANE'S ART SCHOOL, TOLEDO; ART STUDENTS LEAGUE, NY; GRAND CENTRAL ART SCHOOL, NY; ECOLE BEAUX ARTS, PARIS; ACADEMIE GRANDE CHAUMIERE, PARIS; U. OF TOLEDO, MA.

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NATIONAL ACADEMY OF DESIGN, NEW YORK.

AWARDS: NATIONAL ACADEMY OF DESIGN, 1949, 1951; TWO

GRAND PRIZE AND GOLD MEDALS, AMERICAN WATERCOLOR ASSOCIATION, 1956, 1965.

4. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER SMITH VISIT AS GUEST OF ARTISTS
UNION WOULD BE FRUITFUL ENOUGH TO JUSTIFY DEPT TRAVEL
GRANT. SMITH COULD ALSO BE PROGRAMMED ADDITIONAL WEEK BY
EMBASSY BUT WOULD REQUIRE EMBASSY PAY PER DIEM. KISSINGER

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